production and our success to achieve the target is because of the good work done by the workers, particularly in the coal-fields of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Is it a fact that per worker coal production is the lowest in our country compared to other countries like China and Australia ? It is 20 per cent less than Australia; it is one-fifth compared to china. What steps are you contemplating to increase production per worker ? Till now, too efforts have been made to increase per worker production

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : OMS is not satisfactory in my estimation but it is not correct to say that nothing is being done. If we try to compare it with Australia and the U.S., it will not be comparing two equals but comparing an unequal with an equal, because all those very costly machines which have been deployed by Australia and the U.S. or China in their underground coalmines, have not yet been deployed by us for want of funds. So far as the open-cast mines are concerned, gradually, new types of machinery are being deployed. The hon. Member was referring to OMS I have some figures here in this regard. In the case of CIL underground mines, the OMS is 0.53. In the case of opencast mines, it is 3.31. So far as the underground mines under SCCL are concerned, the OMS is 0.65. In the case of open-cast mines, it is 4.74.

Sir, China is always cited. I find that in the case of Chinese underground mines, it is 1.3 only. But if you compare it with the OMS of our underground and open cast mines, we are better than China. The figure in regard to OMS in respect of J their open-cast mines has not been made I available.

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MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is : over. Papers to be laid on the Table.

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WRITTEN ANSWERED TO QUESTIONS

Amendment to Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act

*185. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act, 1976, so as to bring about a distinction between adult and child bonded labour, with a view to assuring suitable and distinct provision for rehabilitation and development of personality of bonded child labour;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) by when such a legislation is proposed to be brought before Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA) : (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government

(b) and (cl Do not arise.

इराक पर बकाया राशि

@*186. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय निर्यातकों की भारी धनराशि गत वर्षों से इराक पर बकाया पड़ी है;

(ख) यदि हां तो मार्च 1993 के दौरान यह बकाया राशि कितनी थी ?

(ग) क्या इराक विगत में बकाया धनराशि का भुगतान समझौते के अनुसार कच्चे तेल के रूप में किया करता था;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इराक पर लगे प्रतिबंधों के कारण इस बकाया राशि का भुगतान नहीं हो पा रहा है;

(ङ) यदि हां तो क्या सरकार ने इस मामले पर संबंधित देशों के साथ विचार-विमर्श किया है;

@ पूर्वतः तारांक प्रश्न संख्या 146, 5 मई, 1993 से स्थानांतरित ।